

COMMITTEE OF CONCERN

Organization and Purpose

The Committee of Concern was formed during the Newark emergency to help restore peace. This organization is unique in Newark. It represents a reservoir of information, ideas and motivation to find short and long range solutions to the social and economic problems of the ghetto and the city.

It is a catalyst for bringing together those segments of our society whose combined efforts and resources are necessary to eliminate the conditions, attitudes and deprivations which exist in the ghetto and which perpetuate the ghetto.

The Committee may be grappling with a last ditch opportunity for changing the bitter and hostile attitudes of the Newark ghetto.

Principal Objectives

1. The Committee agrees to devote its full efforts toward the adoption of measures which will eliminate or alleviate the problems of the ghetto and the city.

The short range goals will focus on current actions that actively demonstrate renewed interest and continuing concern about urban problems.

The long range goals for erasing poverty will be blueprinted in detail with time tables, cost estimates, sources of the required revenue and the administrative structure for carrying out the programs.

*attitude of
ghetto
how about
attitude of
white com.*

There must be understanding and agreement at all levels of government as to the goals of the programs, their scope and the means of financing them if long range governmental commitments are to be obtained.

2. The Committee will use its offices to communicate to federal, state and local government, business and the other private sectors of the economy, proposals which can be adopted promptly; can be achieved during the near future; and will be instrumental in reducing tension.
3. The Committee agrees to actively assist with the coordination between existing organizations and agencies which are now engaged in various anti-poverty, social and economic service activities. It will attempt to suggest overall priorities.

The Committee will not displace, parallel or overlap functioning organizations.

4. The Committee desires to involve individuals and organizations who have not previously worked actively toward the solution of the problems of this city and to encourage the continued participation of organizations and individuals who have already done so much for the city.
5. It is the desire of this Committee to assist people from all walks of life to assume leadership roles in undertaking the solving of community problems.

Subcommittees

The problem areas which appear to be of most urgency to the Committee thus far have been assigned to subcommittees. Each subcommittee is expected to render promptly its findings and recommendations to the Executive Committee for review, assignment of priorities and coordination.

The subcommittees are:

- Coordinating Committee
- Education Committee
- Health and Welfare Committee
- Planning and Zoning Committee

- Communications Committee
- Community Participation Committee
- Police and Legal Affairs Committee
- Employment Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Voter Registration Committee
- Housing Committee
- Recreation and Culture Committee
- Code Enforcement Committee
- Labor Committee
- Youth

Subcommittee Guidelines

The subcommittee reports should include the following points if they are pertinent for their problem areas:

- a) A clear definition of the problem supported by pertinent statistics or other information which indicates the scope of assistance needed.
- b) Specific goals -- both short and long range.
- c) Suggested courses of action for obtaining the adoption of the recommended programs and the necessary financial commitments.
- d) The names of people and organizations who can be of assistance in obtaining financial resources and in implementing the recommendations.
- e) The subcommittees will not prescribe any organizations which duplicate existing ones. However, they should suggest improvements in existing programs and functions which will make them more productive through extensions of their services or improved methods of operation.

The responsibilities of the subcommittees will not terminate with the submission of recommendations. It is expected that they will play an active role in the implementation of their recommendations and will follow for progress and improvements. The subcommittee responsibilities will continue until their activities are fully assigned and under the management of permanent organizations.

August 8, 1967

D4-5